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In re Application of:)
Hiroyuki KYUSHIMA et al.) Confirmation No.: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/589,602) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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For: PHOTOMULTIPLIER AND ITS)
MANUFACTURING METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SUBMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the attached document.

Attached is an English-language translation of an International Preliminary Report on Patentability (“IPRP”) dated September 28, 2006 that issued in related PCT/JP2005/002298 application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the IPRP as it relates to the above-identified application.

While the IPRP cites to US 5,568,013, US 3,244,922, JP 2000-40487 and GB 503211, these documents are not attached hereto because they were previously filed in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on August 16, 2006.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute “prior art.” If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute “prior art” under

United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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